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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. USING THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED HERE IMPLICATING U.S. BASED, TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE APRIL 1983 BOMBINGS AT TWO LOCAL NEWSPAPER OFFICES, THE PRO-KUOMINTANG, TAIWANESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION IN AMERICA APPARENTLY IS CONDUCTING A LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN TO THE CONGRESS AND WHITE HOUSE. THE LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN COVERAGE RECENTLY TO RESPONSES FROM REPRESENTATIVE LEACH AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S COUNTER-TERRORISM OFFICE. END SUMMARY.
3. IN DECEMBER, AND AGAIN IN JANUARY, THE LOCAL PRESS GAVE CONSIDERABLE PLAY TO, FIRST, THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY HAD SOLVED THE CASE OF THE APRIL 1983 BOMBINGS OF THE CENTRAL DAILY NEWS' AND UNITED DAILY NEWS' OFFICES; AND LATER, THE INDICTMENT FILED AGAINST A LOCAL DEFENDANT. BOTH TIMES THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES PROVIDED THE MEDIA WITH DOCUMENTS LINKING THE BOMBINGS TO THE U.S. BASED, WORLD UNITED FORMOSANS FOR INDEPENDENCE (WUFI). THE PRESS ALSO ALLEGED THAT THERE WERE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN WUFI AND THE FORMOSAN ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS (FAPA).
4. WU FENG-KUN, CHAIRMAN, TAIWANESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION IN AMERICA, HAS APPARENTLY WRITTEN LETTERS TO CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE BRINGING TO THEIR ATTENTION THE ABOVE ALLEGATIONS. THE WASHINGTON-BASED REPORTERS OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

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HAVE WRITTEN ARTICLES IN RECENT DAYS ON THE RESPONSES TO WU'S LETTERS.

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5. ON JANUARY 20 THE TAIWAN DAILY NEWS' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, HSU PO-HSIUNG, REPORTED THE RESPONSE OF REPRESENTATIVE JIM LEACH (R.-IOWA). FULL TEXT FOLLOWS: (BEGIN TEXT)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE LEACH SAID THAT TERRORISM IS A SOLUTION COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE MANY COMPLICATED AND SENSITIVE QUESTIONS FACING TAIWAN TODAY. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN HAVE A FEELING THAT THE PROGRESS OF POLITICAL MODERNIZATION IN TAIWAN IS SLOW, COMPARED WITH THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, THIS FEELING IS ABSOLUTELY NOT ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY TERRORIST AND VIOLENT ACTS.

IN A LETTER TO WU FENG-KUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE TAIWANESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S., REPRESENTATIVE LEACH SAID THAT THE SABOTAGE OF THE TWO NEWSPAPERS IN TAIPEI, THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON FORMER TAIWAN GOVERNOR SHIEH TUNG-MIN AND MURDER OF FORMER KAOHSIUNG MAYOR WANG YU-YUN'S RELATIVE IN CALIFORNIA BY THE TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT ELEMENTS SHOULD BE CONDEMNED WITHOUT HESITATION. THESE ORGANIZATIONS CLAIMING TO REPRESENT THE WILL OF THE TAIWANESE PEOPLE CANNOT ATTAIN ANY CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE BY RESORTING TO VIOLENCE, HE SAID. (END TEXT.)

WRITE THE WHITE HOUSE

6. ON JANUARY 29 THE CENTRAL DAILY NEWS' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, WANG SZU-YOU, REPORTED THE RESPONSE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO WU'S LETTER WHICH HAD BEEN ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS: (BEGIN TEXT.)

TODAY THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD ADOPT STRICT MEASURES TO CURTAIL U.S.-BASED TERRORISTS OR TERRORIST GROUPS WHO CONDUCT VIOLENT ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS.

IN A LETTER WRITTEN THIS WEEK TO WU FENG-KUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE TAIWANESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA,

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ARNOLD, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM, SAID THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ALWAYS STRONGLY CONDEMNS, AND HAS ADOPTED MEASURES AGAINST, TERRORISTS. IN THIS REGARD THE U.S. PARTICULARLY SEEKS INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO REDUCE THE DAMAGE OF VIOLENCE TO CIVILIZED SOCIETY.

WU FENG-KUN WHO HAD WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT REAGAN POINTED OUT THAT U.S.-BASED TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTS WERE INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ACTS ON TAIWAN, IN PARTICULAR THE BOMBING OF CENTRAL DAILY NEWS AND UNITED DAILY NEWS. MR. WU APPEALED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN TO TAKE NOTICE OF THESE EVENTS AND ESPECIALLY ADOPT MEASURES TO CURTAIL THEM.

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IN HIS REPLY ARNOLD STATED THAT CURTAILING TERRORISTS OR TERRORIST GROUPS WHICH ARE ACTIVE IN THE U.S. IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FBI. THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE FBI COOPERATE CLOSELY (END TEXT.)

7. ON JANUARY 30, WU PO-HSIUNG OF THE TAIWAN DAILY NEWS AND THE UNITED DAILY NEWS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS ALSO REPORTED THE TEXT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT LETTER TO WU. THE THRUST OF THESE ARTICLES FOLLOWED THE PREVIOUS DAY'S CDN PIECE.

COMMENT.

8. THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN MEDIA PLAY IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY TO THE SOLUTION OF THE NEWSPAPER BOMBING CASE AS A WARNING TO DOMESTIC OPPOSITION ELEMENTS ABOUT DEVELOPING TIES WITH U.S. BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THIS MAKES SENSE BECAUSE DOMESTIC POLITICAL OPPOSITION GROUPS HAVE ALWAYS HAD EXTRA-TAIWAN LINKS TO TAIWANESE GROUPS AND SYMPATHIZERS. JAPAN USED TO BE THE OUTSIDE CONTACT. YOUNG TAIWANESE NOW GO TO THE U.S. AND CONSEQUENTLY EXTRA-TAIWAN ORGANIZATIONS ARE DEVELOPING IN THE U.S. DESPITE PLEAS FOR UNDERSTANDING FROM LOCAL PERSONAGES, THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES VIEW THESE ORGANIZATIONS WITH VARIOUS DEGREES OF SUSPICION. EVERY ATTEMPT IS MADE HERE TO DESCRIBE THEM AS SUBVERSIVE, WITH TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE GOALS.

9. AS MORE PEOPLE FROM TAIWAN SETTLE IN THE U.S., THESE U.S. BASED ORGANIZATIONS WILL GROW AND PROBABLY SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT ON THE NATURE AND QUALITY OF POLITICAL LIFE ON TAIWAN. SOME WILL BE DRAWN TO VIOLENT MEANS. IF THESE ORGANIZATIONS GROW AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO VIEW THEM WITH SUSPICION, THERE MAY COME A TIME WHEN WE WILL BE DIRECTLY ASKED TO "DO SOMETHING."

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